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REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the Year
1958

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958

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DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH : DR. R. H. DUMMETT, M.B., Ch.B.

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR : Mr. R.J. NICHOLS, F.I.A.S.,
A.M.I.P.H.E., M.R.S.H.,
M.A.P.H.I. to 31/10/58.

Mr. A.J.C.NEX., M.A.P.H.I.,
from 30/10/58.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Report for the year ended 31st December, 1958.

The health of the district has continued to be satisfactory.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) : 1,297.

Population : The Registrar General's estimate of the
resident population : 2,440.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1958) according to the
Rate Books : 895.

Rateable Value : £39,477.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate : £153.0s.0d.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS :

	TOTAL	M	F
Legitimate	24	13	11
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population : 10.2

STILL BIRTHS :

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births : 10.2

DEATHS : 31

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population : 12.7

DEATHS (from Puerperal Causes) : NIL

DEATH OF INFANTS under one year of age : 1

DEATH RATE - All infants per 1,000 live Births 40%
 Legitimate Infants per 1,000
 Legitimate Live Births : 41.
 Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 :
 Illegitimate Live Births : NIL

DEATHS OF INFANTS under 4 weeks of age : NIL

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M	F
1. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	-	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Disease	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	-
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	-
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	-
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	4
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	2	-
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	1	5
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	-
20. Other Heart Disease	1	4
21. Other Circulatory Disease	-	2
22. Influenza	-	1
23. Pneumonia	1	-
24. Bronchitis	3	-
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	-	1
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-
34. All other accidents	1	-
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-

There have been, during the year, no serious outbreaks of disease. The population increases considerably during the summer months, as Salcombe attracts many visitors, being a well-known holiday resort and sailing centre.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The personal health services are provided by various bodies, by far the greater part being under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, Devon County Council and the Local Executive Council. The environmental health services are controlled by the District Council.

The Public Health Laboratory Service has a laboratory in Plymouth for the investigation of communicable diseases and the examination of milk, water, ice-cream, foodstuffs, etc.

The Devon County Health Handbook gives details of the health and allied social services in the County of Devon. Much of its information refers to the County as a whole, but there are details of the various services provided in this district.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR, 1958.

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED</u>
Whooping Cough	1
Measles	3
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4</u>

TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Age periods</u>	<u>NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1958</u>							
	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

This is by the South Devon Water Board. The quality and quantity continues to be very satisfactory. The water is now being used from the reservoir formed behind the Avon Dam, which will ensure a more than adequate supply in the driest summer. It is hoped that fairly soon, the new filtration works will be in use.

SEWERAGE

There are still many small sewerage outfalls discharging into the harbour. Although they have been improved in some cases, there still remains the necessity for an extensive system to pick up and take all the sewage to discharge into deep water.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of refuse in all parts of the district has been carried out.

FOOD INSPECTIONS

The following foodstuffs were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

4 tins of meat; 7 tins of fruit; 1 tin of Marmadale; and 28 lbs of fish.

Assistance has been given regularly to carry out meat inspection duties in the Kingsbridge Rural District Area.

ICE-CREAM

No samples of ice-cream were taken.

BAKEHOUSES

The 3 bakehouses were inspected and were kept in a satisfactory condition.

DISINFECTION

Routine disinfection has been carried out after all notified cases of infectious disease.

SCHOOLS

There are 3 Schools in the district.

During the year, 1 notice was received referring to 10 children who were excluded from school because of communicable disease, or because they were contacts.

NUISANCES

11 complaints of nuisances were received, one of which was dealt with by formal action - the rest by informal action.

CAMPING SITES

A count was taken in August, 1958, of the caravans and tents in the district, and the result was as follows :-

BEADON ROAD

O.S. 2789	(Registered Site - Caravan Club only). 28 caravans (mobile). 7 tents.
O.S. 2398/2304	(Registered Site). 22 tents.
O.S. 1497/1004	(Registered Site). 42 caravans. 1 mobile shop.
O.S. 1791	6 tents.
O.S. 2127	22 tents (Girl Guides).

NORTH SANDS VALLEY

O.S. 7250	4 tents.
O.S. 6656	6 tents.
O.S. 7843	1 tent.
O.S. 8236	3 tents.

CAMPING SITES (Contd)

MOULT HILL (COLLATON ROAD)

O.S. 6712 25 Bell tents.
 1 small Marquee.
 4 large Marquees.
 O.S. 3831 3 caravans.
 O.S. 4136 7 caravans.
 3 tents
 O.S. 6227 1 caravan.
 1 tent.

SOUTH SANDS VALLEY

O.S. 5468 32 caravans.
 20 tents.
 O.S. 3294 1 caravan.

SHARPITOR

O.S. 7241 1 caravan.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
 FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health
 (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector)

Premises	No. in Register	Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	8	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	18	11	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (including out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	26	16	-	-

I am,
 Your obedient Servant,
 R. B. WALKER.
 MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

OCTOBER, 1959.